

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: May 18, 2018

### **Building Codes Changes - - - BREAKING NEWS - - -**

The State Building Codes Division at 4:30 this afternoon contacted us and informed the City that most of the temporary rules that were issued regarding Building Inspection Programs were immediately withdrawn. We received an email detailing the change and the withdrawal of the April 24, 2018 letter that was sent to the 36 cities requiring the establishment of a program complying with the expanded rules by July 1<sup>st</sup> shortly after the phone call. A copy of the letter and new rule is attached. The only change that remains in the new rule is the need for a municipal employed Building Official. We'll have more information what this means for our program in the future. This change is an amazing relief to cities throughout the State.

### **Yard of the Week**

This week a special guest judge, Chamber of Commerce President Chloe Beckes joined the Yard of the Week Prize patrol. The Prize Patrol selected the home at 1425 W. Harrison as the Yard of the Week. There were some great nominations this week. Keep the great nominations coming in.

### **Limb Pickup**

The annual Tree Branch and Limb pickup will be on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Limbs and branches no larger than 4" placed out on the public right of ways will be picked up. Limbs left on private streets or roads are the responsibility of property owners. We can not pick up branches on private streets or property. The Tree Branch Pickup Program is intended to assist property owners with their tree trimmings by providing a convenient way to dispose of branches. Trees and shrubs along City streets are required to be trimmed to provide an overhead clearance of 13 feet 6 inches for vehicle traffic and a minimum overhead clearance of 15 feet in intersections. Sidewalks require a minimum overhead clearance of 8 feet. It is the property owner's responsibility to trim trees along their property to meet these clearance requirements. The tree branch pickup program is conducted to help property owners dispose of branches and limbs from trimmings to meet the clearance requirements. The trimmed trees improve safety and reduce damage to vehicles.

For more information about the Tree Branch Pickup Program visit the City's webpage.

### **Regional Managers Meet**

The City Manager attended a meeting with of the local government managers from around Lane County at the Lane Council of Governments offices. The major topic of discussion surrounded the

progress of the communities in dealing with the Building Inspection Program changes mandated by the Building Codes Division.

### **WATERS Presentation at the Coast Fork Science Pub**

On Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council (CFWWC) welcomes partners of the Watershed Action Teams for Education, Restoration and Stewardship (WATERS) program. In this talk, entitled Partnerships in Watershed Education, WATERS restoration site hosts, science teachers and students will present on the collaborative role each plays to the WATERS Program, a field-based, team-oriented advanced science program for middle school students in Lane County. The WATERS program expanded to South Lane County in 2016 providing area students the opportunity to connect with the landscape through experiential learning and prepare and inspire them for a future in environmental and scientific fields.

The CFWWC hosts a family-friendly monthly public meeting series called the Coast Fork Science Pub on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main Street in Cottage Grove. The event begins with informal socializing, trivia, and updates about the watershed and watershed council during the first hour. The Science Pub presentation begins at 6:00 pm. CFWWC receives 10% of all sales from the evening between 5:00 to 7:30 pm. The event is free to the public, with a \$5 donation suggested. For further information, visit Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council at: [www.coastfork.org](http://www.coastfork.org).

### **Community Land Trust Informational Meeting**

NEDCO (Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation) will be hosting a community meeting on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Community Center to provide information about the Community Land Trust project in Cottage Grove. If you are interested in possibly buying a home in the project or just interested in learning more, please plan on attending.

### **Mayor's Bike Ride**

Mayor Jeff Gowling will be holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mayor's Bike ride on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The ride will be a leisurely, fun, totally family friendly ride from the Row River Trailhead Park at 10<sup>th</sup> and Main out to Mosby Creek Trailhead. There will be treats at Mosby Creek. Riders then can ride back into town or continue on the trail. There is no registration required. Visit the City's webpage for more information. Get in shape and get ready for the ride. If you need to practice and get in shape for the Mayor's ride you might want to enter and ride in the Oregon Gran Fondo on June 2, 2018.

### **Water Treatment Plant Tank Cleaning**

This week Midco Diving & Marine Services Inc. cleaned the inside of the membrane feed tank and the river intake tank. Certified divers removed approximately 2 feet of fine organic sediment from the membrane feed tank and approximately 12" of material from the river intake tank. Every 2 years the tanks are cleaned removing the sediment as it reduces the capacity of each tank by 10% of their overall water capacity. Attached is a picture of one of the divers preparing to enter the river intake tank.



### **Coiner Park Tennis Courts**

The Maintenance Division with the help of two inmates, pressure washed the tennis courts at Coiner Park removing several years of dust accumulation. The crew did a great job revitalizing the court surfaces getting them ready for summer use.

### **Bohemia Park Saddle Span**

Monday the saddle span over Bohemia Park Amphitheater was installed signaling summer and concerts in the park are coming. It took the maintenance crew four hours to set up the main structure and an additional four hours to install the lights and video cameras. The first Chamber of Commerce concert is scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and get your concert viewing gear ready for a great concert season.

### **Kids Planting at the Library**

Today at Story Time, kids created a "garden in a bucket"... Library staff Pete and Natasha helped kids create "turtles" from paper and paint. The children also planted vegetables and flowers in lovely blue buckets (with holes drilled in the bottom). Samantha from the Friends of the Library group helped read stories and lead movement activities, making this a fun and educational Story Time for all.

### **Library Summer Camp**

The Cottage Grove Public Library has begun sign-ups for Summer Camps for children and youth. We offer "Nature for Kids" and "Teen Adventure" field trips for children and youth ages 3-17. These trips are fun and educational and get youth outdoors to explore the amazing landscapes, habitats, and ecosystems that surround us here in Western Oregon. Parents or guardians should stop by the Library during regular library hours to sign-up for these amazing and fun outdoor experiences.

### **Police Department Vehicle**

This week the Police Department received the converted black and white Chevrolet Tahoe back from Wireworks. The patrol vehicle still needs to have the graphics applied to the doors and then it will be ready for use by the Patrol Sergeants. This vehicle was originally slated to be the Chief's vehicle, however it was decided that converting the vehicle to a patrol vehicle would make more sense. The conversion included all features currently used in the patrol fleet.

### *Quote of the Week*

*“Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.”*

*~Carl Bard~*